



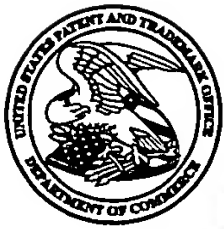
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This action is in response to Applicant's amendment of March 9, 2005. In that amendment claims 36,45, and 53 were cancelled in response to a rejection of under 35USC112 and the rejection of claim 60 was traversed. In view of these arguments the rejection of claim 60 is withdrawn.

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***ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER***

**Claims 34,35,37-44,46-52 and 54-60 are allowed.**

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***SUSPENSION OF ACTION***

The outcome of Reexamination No. 90/007128 of US Patent No. 6,427,421 has a material bearing on the patentability of the claims in this application. Prosecution in this application is SUSPENDED FOR A PERIOD OF 6 MONTHS from the mailing date of this letter. Upon expiration of the period of suspension, applicant should make an inquiry as to the status of the application.

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